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To:	Angeles Herrera; Kathleen Goforth; Jeanne Geselbracht; Carter Jessop
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From: Stewart Sherry [sstewart104@yahoo.com]
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To: Enrique Manzanilla
Subject: Thank you

Dear Mr. Enrique Manzanilla,
Thank you for taking the time to respond to my concern regarding the Canyon Mine project in the Grand Canyon.

I in no way want to hamper the efforts of the USPEA or the Obama administration in its efforts in keeping the environment and people safe, but if it would be helpful in these efforts I would gladly launch a regional/national petition effort to stop the ill advised an hazardous practice of Uranium mining in the Canyon Mine project.

The issues with the U.S Forest Service allow Denison Mines Corp. to begin excavating the “Canyon Mine”
1) The U.S. Forest Service didn't update the 26-year-old environmental impact statement for the uranium mine, located due south of Grand Canyon National Park on the Kaibab National Forest. The Service claims no new public review or analysis is needed because there is no new information or circumstances relevant to its original analysis.

2) The Canyon Mine is located in the 1 million-acre watershed where new uranium mining was banned by the Obama administration.

3) Uranium mining at the Canyon Mine threatens to contaminate and deplete shallow and deep aquifers that feed Grand Canyon’s springs. State and federal agencies do not require deep aquifer monitoring to detect contamination plumes, they do not require remediation plans or bonding for correcting aquifer contamination if it does occur, and they cannot guarantee such damage won’t occur.

4) The review team did not include experts from the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service.”

5) Studies provided data to show that the Navajo mine workers and numerous families on the reservation have suffered high rates of disease from environmental contamination, but for decades, industry and the government failed to regulate or improve conditions, or inform workers of the dangers. As high rates of illness began to occur, workers were often unsuccessful in court cases seeking compensation, and the states at first did not officially recognize radon illness.

6) Video documentary about Uranium mining in the Grand Canyon http://youtu.be/I_FNXXs7fao

I look forward to hearing from your department within the next month & being of any assistance that I can.

Sincerely
Sherry L Stewart